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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2811, this letter is to notify you that I have approved a \$9.6M repair of Building 1900, the Medical Training Facility, at Sheppard AFB, TX. The Air Force is currently working to identify funds in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) appropriation for this project.

Building 1900, the Medical Training Facility, was built in 1956. The south half of this facility has not been renovated since 1966. The infrastructure in this part of the facility has degraded to the point where there have been numerous system failures that have adversely affected the mission of training medical personnel. Training is repeatedly disrupted to relocate classes due to failed systems. Chilled water piping and valves constantly leak, flooding mechanical rooms; lighting systems have failed, lowering lighting in classrooms to unacceptable levels; and the building does not meet current codes for fire protection and accessibility. This project will totally replace degraded fire, electrical, and mechanical systems. This project will also replace asbestos ceiling tiles, and repair walls and doors.

We have chosen to accomplish this project under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 2811. The work is classified as repair and the use of operation and maintenance funds provides the flexibility to plan the work with minimum disruption to operations while balancing our operation and maintenance and military construction programs.

A similar letter has been sent to the Ranking Minority Member of your Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred W. Kuhn", is positioned above the printed name.

FRED W. KUHN

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force
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